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## **FHSU Faculty Senate Minutes**

Meeting of 2/8/99

President Debra Scheffel called the meeting to order at 3:35pm.

Please see the attached copy of the Faculty Senate Roster for the record of attendance.

In the discussion of the minutes of the January meeting, Senator Jim Murphy requested that the entire text of Senate Resolution 9899-25 be contained in the minutes. He also asked that it be specifically mentioned that the resolution was approved by the Senate without amendment. The minutes were approved with the above changes.

### **Announcements**

Nancy Vogel of the Department of English urged faculty to recruit outstanding students to apply to become Rhodes Scholars. She introduced Mardy Robinson, an FHSU student who was a finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship competition this year. Shala Bannister of the Political Science Department also encouraged faculty to recruit students to apply for the Rhodes and Truman scholarships. They all emphasized that FHSU students can compete successfully for these scholarships. Provost Larry Gould wants to set up a mechanism to identify and support potential candidates for these scholarships when they are lower division students so that more FHSU students earn prestigious scholarships.

The Senate would like to organize forums on collective bargaining to take place in late February and early March.

Ken Havner, member of the Board of Regents, came to inform the Senate on the important issues currently before the BOR: proposals for restructuring the administration of higher education in Kansas, and the Regents' Salary Initiative. He pointed out that there is a need to coordinate higher education. Higher education coordination issues include: need for a central source of student statistics, dispute resolution, and policies and processes for affiliations and mergers. The Governor's taskforce has come out with a recommendation for higher education coordination that would preserve the BOR. However, for various reasons it will probably not be approved by the legislature.

With regard to the Regent's Faculty Salary Initiative, Regent Havner observed that faculty members can best support it by writing personal letters (ie., not form letters) and by phone calls.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Senator Martha Holmes, chair of the **Academic Affairs Committee**, presented several courses for senate approval. JUS 322, "Information Age Technologies and the Justice System" was approved by a voice vote. NURS 411, "Learning in Older Adulthood" and NURS 491, "Health Care System, Policy and Cost" were approved by voice vote. SOCW 382, "Generalist Practice: Group Systems" and SOCW 463, "Introduction to the Practicum" were approved by a voice vote. HHP 311, "Exercise Testing and Prescription for the Elderly" was approved by a voice vote.

TECH 450, "Recreational Activities in Older Adulthood" and TECH 455, "Adaptive Home Maintenance for Older Adults" were approved by a voice vote, although Senator Helen Miles expressed some concern about using the term "recreational" in the title since it could imply sports activity. PSY 415, "Adolescence" was approved by a voice vote.

Senator John Ratzlaff, chair of the **External Affairs Committee**, advised senators to tell their departments that the best way they can support the Regents' Faculty Salary Initiative is through personal letters and phone calls.

### **Old Business**

Provost Larry Gould wants to have one academic honesty policy for the entire university and a set of procedure for implementing it. Currently the Graduate School has a different policy.

Provost Gould presented a memorandum in response to Faculty Senate Resolution 9899-25 on Summer Session and Virtual College compensation. The memorandum proposes changes to the resolution. (The text of the memorandum and the original Senate Resolution 9899-25 are in an appendix to the minutes.)

Senators remarked that they were hesitant to approve all the points on the memorandum. Several senators observed that they would rather have the opportunity to judge how the policies worked in practice before incorporating them into the handbook.

Senator John Durham proposed that the memorandum be approved for this coming summer only. Senator Jim Murphy suggested that the Senate could accept the memorandum rather than approve it. Senator Fred Britten remarked that if the Senate receives it, rather than approving it, the policies of the memorandum could be tried out before making changes in the handbook. Senator Marty Shapiro moved that the Senate approve items 4 and 5 and accept items 1, 2 and 3.

By a voice vote, the Senate approved items 4 and 5 of the memorandum for immediate incorporation into the Faculty Handbook. The Senate accepted items 1, 2 and 3 by a voice vote.

The academic honesty policy question was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee. A Virtual College course evaluation form was also forwarded to the AAC for review.

### **Liaison reports**

Senator Martha Holmes reported that the General Education Committee met.

Senator Evie Toft reported that the Virtual College Advisory Committee approved the evaluation questions developed for the TEVAL that will rate student perception of the technology and relative cost benefit of taking courses through the Virtual College.

The Senate adjourned at 5:15pm.